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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Hasson, *et al.*  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/564,760 EXAMINER: Lora Elizabeth Barnhart  
FILING DATE: July 7, 2006 ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: Ex Vivo Progenitor and Stem Cell Expansion for Use in the Treatment of  
Disease of Endodermally-Derived Organs

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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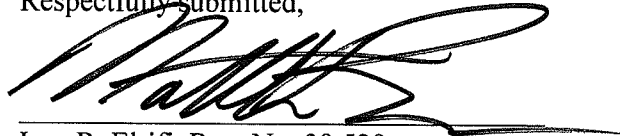
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

This is in response to the Office Communication dated February 13, 2009. A response is due on or before March 13, 2009. According to the Examiner, Applicants have not fully complied with the Restriction Requirement dated September 9, 2008, as Applicants' amendment to claim 50 necessitates an election of a single liver or pancreatic disease. *See*, Office Communication at page 2.

In response to the Office Communication, Applicants elect "diabetes" for the disorder. Claims 24-41, 47, 48, and 50-53 read on the elected species.

Applicants believe no fees are due. However, please charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24024-513 NATL. Should there be any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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